

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 as follows:

--Although current joint designs may be able to withstand a seismic event, the damage caused by the joints' inability to function elastically, raises ~~series~~ serious questions about whether currently designed structures can remain in service after enduring seismic events. A need therefore exists for a moment resisting frame that can withstand a seismic event without experiencing significant joint failure so that the integrity of the structure remains relatively undisturbed even after being subject to seismic activity.--

Attached please find a replacement abstract, per the Examiner's request.